

PEOPLE'S HEARING

sponsored by the *Alternative Siting Commission*

In October 1983, elected officials, community representatives and scientists joined together to form an *Alternative Siting Commission*. We did this because the State's Hazardous Waste Facilities Siting Commission developed siting guidelines that **will not** protect the health of residents in densely populated areas.

On January 25, 1984, our *Commission* will hear testimony on recommendations for guidelines that have been developed by the *Alternative Siting Commission*. After the hearing the recommendations will be put into final form. We invite additional comments in writing by February 21, 1984. Please send your comments to:

**Alternative Siting Commission
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The *Commission's* goal is to prevent future health damages and the inevitable disasters caused by accidents at toxic waste facilities put in the wrong places.

The proposed alternative siting guidelines include these main points:

No new hazardous waste facility may be sited within 5 miles of any municipality or census tract within a municipality having an area greater than 1 square mile that has a population density greater than 4000 people per square mile.

No hazardous waste facility should be sited in any area unless it can be demonstrated that an Evacuation Plan has been approved by the local governing body that is workable, realistic and comprehensive.

No facility should be built within 5 miles of any City or town where the current age adjusted cancer death rate is more than 5% higher than the national average.

No facility should be built within 5 miles of any City or town where the current age adjusted heart disease death rate is more than 5% higher than the national average.

No hazardous waste facility should be built within 5 miles of:

- any known past or present, legally or illegally operating major hazardous waste facility
- any large chemical plant
- any large natural gas storage tanks
- any area contaminated with dioxin at levels above 1 ppb